



## **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

Region 2 Headquarters  
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September 12, 2011

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to accept the donation of approximately 68 acres of private land adjoining the Calf Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 7 miles east of Hamilton in Ravalli County. The WMA addition would protect elk winter range and improve public access.

The EA may be viewed on FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("Submit Public Comments," beginning September 12). The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; or by emailing [shrose@mt.gov](mailto:shrose@mt.gov). Comments may also be directed to Sharon Rose by mail, phone or email at these contacts. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 11, 2011.

FWP will hold a public hearing in Hamilton on September 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the US Forest Service headquarters (1801 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street) to discuss the proposal and take public comment.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP land acquisition proposals, and the Commission will be asked to render its decision on this proposal at its November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in Helena. Approval will also be necessary from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack Long", is written over a horizontal line.

Mack Long  
Regional Supervisor

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